

In the Specification:

Delete the CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section that begins on page 1, line 3, and ends on page 1, line 6. Insert the following therein:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/721,250, filed November 22, 2000, now Patent No. US 6,605,383, entitled "ALKALINE ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL HAVING ADHESIVE CLOSURE."